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## RUSSIAN SHOT TO DEATH AS SPY FOR WEST

MOSCOW, May 10, UPI—The Soviet Union announced today that former scientific official Oleg Penkovsky had been shot to death for selling secrets to the west.

Penkovsky, 43, was convicted with a British business man, Greville Wynne, last Saturday. Wynne was sentenced to three years in prison and five years in a labor camp for espionage. Penkovsky was condemned to death for treason.

Twelve other Britons and Americans were linked officially to the case and ordered banished from the Soviet Union. Two of them were wives of British diplomats.

The Tass news agency announced the execution in a 46-word dispatch which said:

"The spy Oleg Penkovsky has been executed. The presidium of the supreme soviet of the U. S. S. R. rejected the appeal for clemency made by Penkovsky, who had been sentenced by the military collegium of the Supreme court of the U. S. S. R. for high treason to death by shooting."

Penkovsky, a former colonel in the army, pleaded at the trial that he had been led astray by a taste for high life, including the lure of wild Paris parties. He said the secrets he passed on to the west were not important and that he regretted his actions.

Wynne met today with the British consul general for an hour. Wynne's wife, Sheila, saw her husband yesterday for the last time before she returns to England.

Diplomats are hopeful that his release can be arranged within a few years then some persons' trade